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square feet size. The price tag now has been reduced from what was originally envisioned to \$4,800,000. I think it is one of those projects again that we seem to have occasionally that we spend money for design, development, preparation and then defer, do not do the construction. It is an important facility, it is an important campus, important educational opportunity for citizens of western Nebraska and I would hope that you would no longer delay this project that has been over 10 years in the design in the bringing it up to this point. It has been a top priority of the Board of Trustees for...since 1980 and it was a top priority for the Chadron Campus well before that. Those of you who have been on the campus I think are well aware of the cramped facilities they have for this kind of activity and will have a multiple uses. This is one project of the capital construction that should be done, should be started this year. I would hope that you would override the veto.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the override. New bill, new chance, new opportunity, I'd just like to kind of focus the issue if I could. Chadron, some people used to call it the "playpen", some people call it the activity center, it is \$1,850,000 in this budget. Now the Governor vetoed \$3,391,000 out of this bill. We are going to put the bulk of it back in with this motion, the bulk of it, over a majority of the dollars will go back in if we override this veto. Now I'm going to say that we ought to look at this afresh, afresh meaning we ought to be a little cautious as we approach the capital construction proposals. Now one of the things that Senator Morehead indicated and that I talked about earlier in the year was this Legislature's sense of the old adage tax, tax, tax; spend, spend, spend. I think we are rapidly approaching that old adage, only I think we have a twist to it. We sort of turned it around. It goes something like this. Spend, spend, spend; tax, tax, tax. So if this Legislature decides that this, the bulk of the capital construction cutbacks should be overridden, I don't know that we ought to be all that tight and limit ourselves